

COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (Includes Reference to PCT International Applications)	Attorney's Docket No.		
<p>As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:</p> <p>My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.</p> <p>I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS AND OPTICAL ELEMENT</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">the specification of which (check only one item below)</p> <div style="margin-left: 80px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto <input type="checkbox"/> was filed as United States application Serial No. _____ on _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable). <input type="checkbox"/> was filed as PCT international application Number _____ on _____ and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable). </div> <p>I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.</p>			
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